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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Current Production and Analytic Support, DDI

THROUGH: Director of Data Processing

FROM: [REDACTED]
Director of Communications

SUBJECT: Computer Terminal Costs [REDACTED]

REFERENCE: Your Memo to D/ODP dated 15 Feb 1983

1. Regret the delay in responding to the reference questions regarding elimination of the requirement for TEMPEST computer terminals in the Headquarters Building. The Intergovernment Committee on Countermeasures has requested that the TEMPEST threat and regulations concerning TEMPEST countermeasures within the United States be readdressed. As a result a new document, "TEMPEST COUNTERMEASURES FOR FACILITIES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES," has been drafted.. This proposed standard relaxes the TEMPEST requirements particularly for Government controlled buildings located inside large controlled compounds. [REDACTED]

2. This standard, referred to as NACSI 5004, was approved by the Subcommittee for Compromising Emanations (SCOCE) on 28 April 1983. It is being forwarded to the National Communications Security Committee (NCSC) for their approval. This approval is expected by mid-CY 1983. This Office will start using the new standard immediately upon NCSC approval. [REDACTED]

3. If the new standard is approved in the present form, TEMPEST equipment will not be required in the Headquarters Building. Because of differences in zone of control the same cannot be said for other Agency buildings in the Washington area. Purchase of non-TEMPEST terminals for classified information processing must still be coordinated with the Communications Security Division of this Office to ensure minimum radiation/inference standards are being met. [REDACTED]

4. It is suggested that purchases of terminals per the reference be delayed until the new standard, NACSI 5004, is approved. This Office will keep your staff advised of this process. Any questions on this may be referred to [REDACTED]

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